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Earful (Noun)

Meaning- an outpouring of news, gossip, anger, lecture or complaint

Origin- Mid -1900's , from the Old English roots eare , or “ear”, and the suffix ful ,”full or full off.”

Synonyms- rebuke, back-fence talk

Antonyms- quiet, silence

Usage in sentence:-

- 1- The chancellor got an **earful** when he asked the students for feedback.
- 2- I got an **earful** from my mother once she heard about my rude behaviour.

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CONCEDE (V)

Meaning – to admit ,often unwillingly that something is true

Origin – from Latin concēdere, from the prefix com-, "completely," plus cēdere, "to go along, grant, yield.

Synonyms – admit, accept, confess

Antonyms – deny, disapprove, hold

Usage in sentences:

1. I was forced to **concede** that she might be right.

He kept on arguing and wouldn't **concede** defeat.

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Aplomb (noun)

Meaning- self-confidence or assurance, especially when in a demanding situation

Origin- late 18th century (in the sense ‘perpendicularity, steadiness’): from French, from *à plomb* ‘according to a plumb line’.

Synonyms- self-assurance, self-confidence, self-possession, poise

Antonyms – gaucheness, fear

Usage in Sentences-

1. She performed the task with great **aplomb**.
2. He delivered the speech with his usual **aplomb**.

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APHORISM

Meaning- a short clever saying that is intended to express a general truth

Origin- In 1528 from late Latin aphorismus, from Greek aphorismos definition

Synonyms- maxim, epigram, saying, axiom

Antonyms- absurdity, ambiguity, nonsense, paradox

Usage in Sentences:

1. The text is sprinkled with general observations followed by simplistic **aphorisms**.
2. He often begins an **aphorism** with a quoted passage.

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CAPRICIOUS

Meaning -Changing behaviour suddenly in a way that is difficult to predict

Origin – early 17th century: from French capricieux, from Italian

Synonyms – unpredictable, inconstant, unstable

Antonyms – stable, consistent, predictable

Usage in Sentences:

1. I try to use a careful choice of words with people that have shown **capricious** behaviour.

Travel with caution when going somewhere with a **capricious** climate.

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Eclectic

Meaning – deriving ideas, style, or taste from a broad and diverse range of sources.

Origin – late 17th century (as a term in philosophy): from Greek eklektikos, from eklegein ‘pick out’, from ek ‘out’ + legein ‘choose’.

Synonyms – wide-ranging, broad, diverse

Antonyms – narrow, specific, particular

Usage in sentences:

1. The painter’s recent work is an **eclectic** collection of landscapes she has recently visited.

The restaurant’s menu was **eclectic** and included foods from a number of ethnic groups and cultures.

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Esoteric

Meaning: - designed for or understood or enjoyed by only few people with a special knowledge or interest

Origin- "secret; intended to be communicated only to the initiated; profound," 1650s, from Latinized form of Greek esoterikos "belonging to an inner circle" (Lucian), from esotero "more within," comparative adverb of eso "within," from PIE *ens-o-, suffixed form of *ens, extended form of root *en "in."

Synonyms: - abstruse, arcane, deep, hermetic (also hermetical), profound, recondite

Antonyms: -shallow, superficial

Sentences:-

1. He has an **esoteric** collection of old toys and games.
2. The number is highly significant in all **esoteric** teachings.
3. This is an **esoteric** law which can explain much to those capable of noting its real significance.

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Apocalypse

(Noun) Meaning – the complete final destruction of the world, as described in the biblical book of Revelation.

Origin – Old English, via Old French and ecclesiastical Latin from Greek apokalupsis, from apokaluptein 'uncover, reveal', from apo- 'un-' + kaluptein 'to cover'.

Synonym – calamity, cataclysm, catastrophe, debacle

Antonym – good fortune, happiness, miracle

Usage in sentence –

1. **Apocalypses** can be viewed as good, evil, ambiguous or neutral, depending on the particular religion or belief system promoting them.

I do not believe that a conversion can be produced by summing up the **apocalypse**.